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"And here's a lesson for ya. Just because something's in print, don't make it so. I learned that from reading the playmate of the month bios."

-- Ashley J. Williams

After the Apocalyptic events of "From the Ashes" (Army of Darkness issues 1-4, available now in trade paperback), Ash is reunited with Sheila as the two set out to remake the world and reclaim the legacy of humanity.

How can Ash possibly screw this up?

Oh, just you wait.... It all starts here in Ash's "Long Road Home"!

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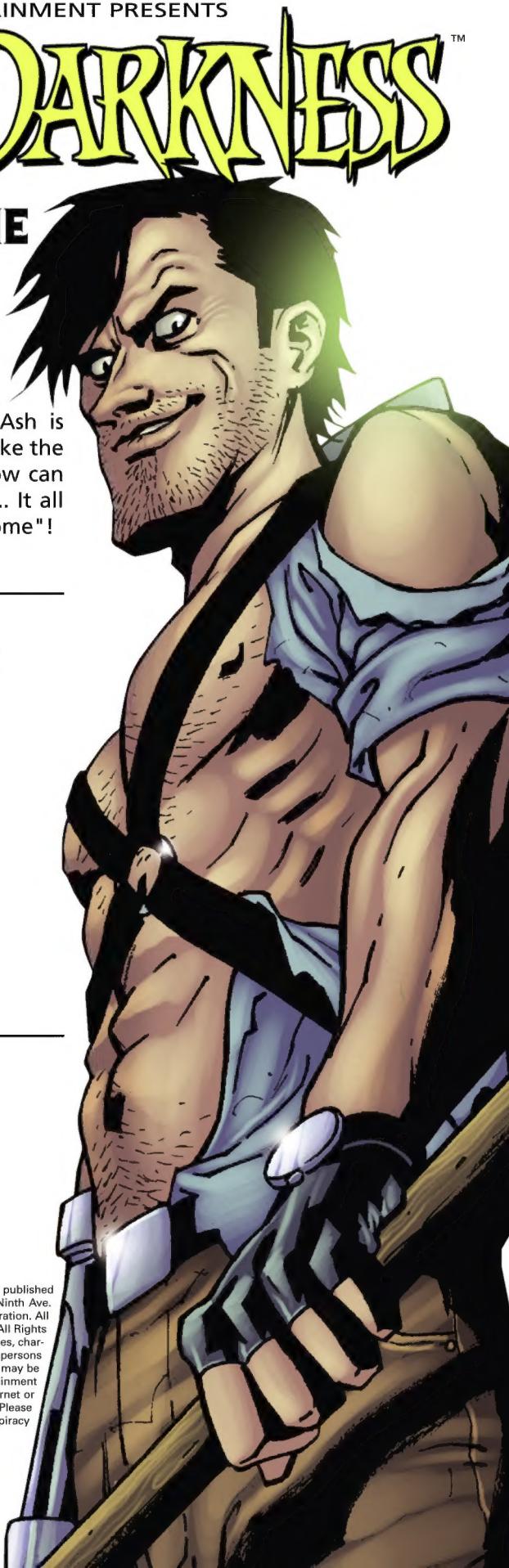
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It is a story as old as time itself.

Boy takes a vacation into the woods with his eye-candy girlfriend.



After finding Necronomicon ex Mortis in the cabin, boy unwittingly unleashes hell on Earth.

Boy is forced to sever the head of the now demonically possessed eye-candy before the end of the first reel.

And is unceremoniously sucked through a dimensional portal into the past.



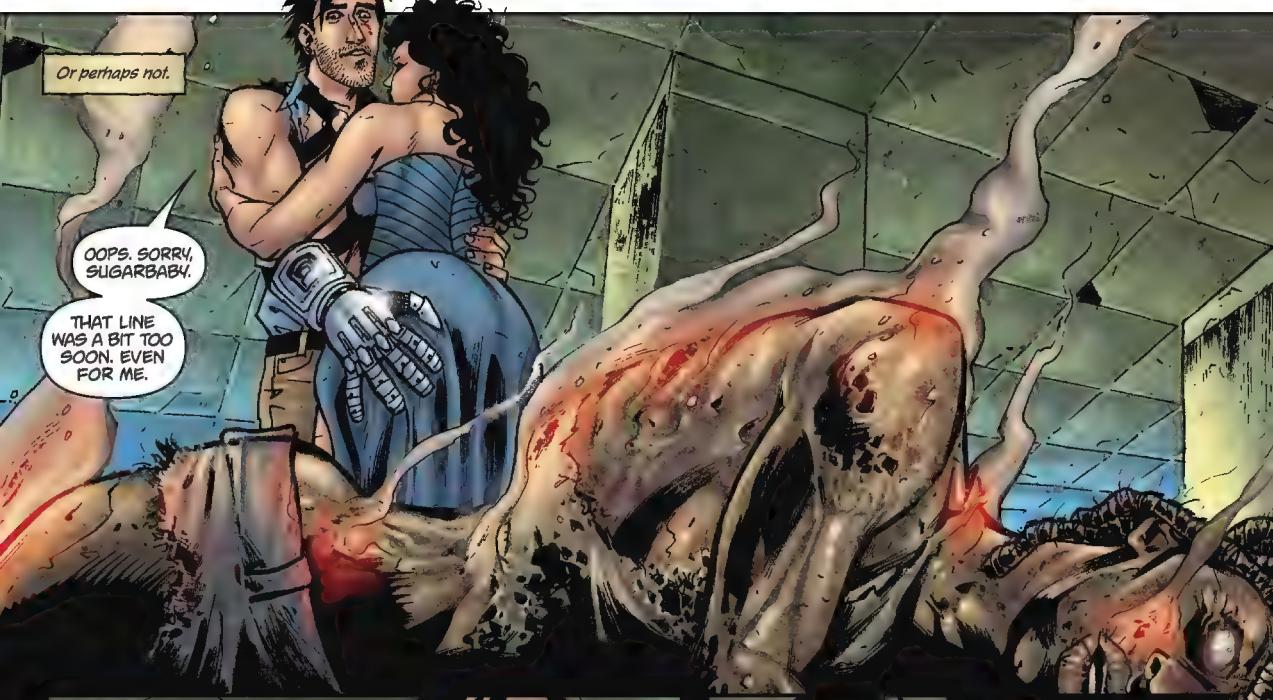
Ultimately, he is hailed as its savior by the primitive screw-heads.



While doing... "savior things," the boy finds a wench who could very well be his soul mate.











YOUR ACTIONS AS THE "CHOSEN ONE" HAVE ONLY PROVED THE WORLD IS DOOMED.

YOUR VICTORY IS A HOLLOW ONE! THERE ARE PAGES OF THE BOOK YET TO BE WRITTEN!

WOHA, WHOA, WHOA, HOLD ON A MINUTE. IT SOUNDED LIKE IF YOU HAD HANDS YOU WOULD HAVE MADE AIR QUOTES AT ME.



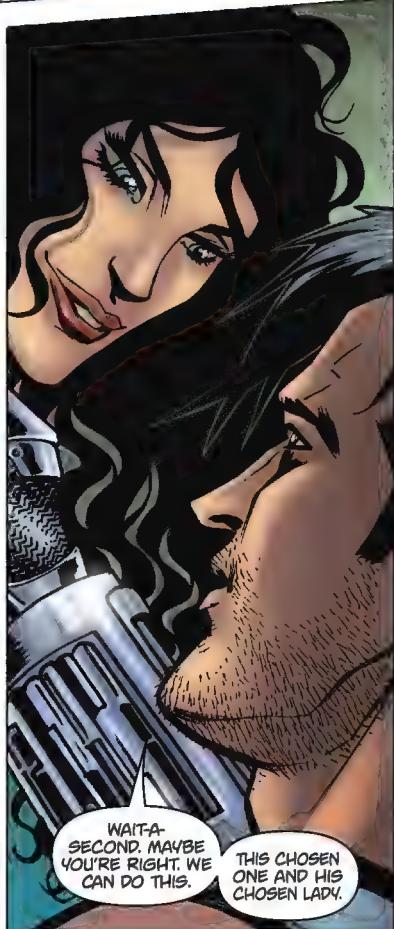
ALRIGHT, BEAUTIFUL, NOW THAT MR. CHATTY IS GOING TO STIFLE AWHILE, LET'S SEE HOW I DID THIS TIME.

MAYBE THE EIGHTH OR NINTH TIME IS THE CHARM.



NO! I WON! I BEAT THEM. THE WORLD SHOULD BE BEAUTIFUL AGAIN.

I SHOULD BE LOOKING AT A CITY COVERED IN POLLUTION NOT DEADITE ASH!









YEEESSSS!



DO NOT
BE AFRAID MY
MINIONS. YOU ARE IN
THE PRESENCE OF
THE DARKEST OF
EVIL HOLINESS.

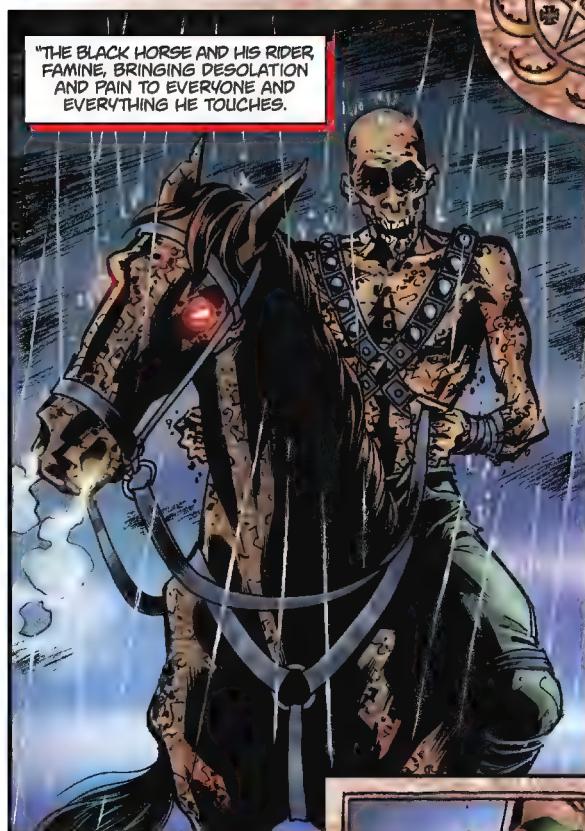
BOW
BUT DO NOT
COWER!

I HAVE
DELIVERED TO YOU
THE FOUR HORSEMAN,
RIDERS OF THE
APOCALYPSE!

"THE WHITE HORSE RIDDEN BY THE DAUGHTER OF SATAN HERSELF, THE ANTI-CHRIST."



"THE BLACK HORSE AND HIS RIDER, FAMINE, BRINGING DESOLATION AND PAIN TO EVERYONE AND EVERYTHING HE TOUCHES."



"AND FINALLY THE PALE HORSE, HIS RIDER'S NAME SAYS IT ALL. HE IS DEATH."



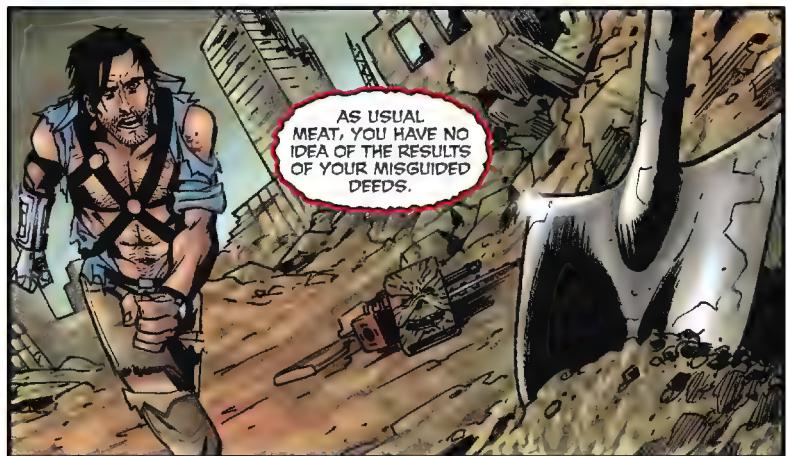
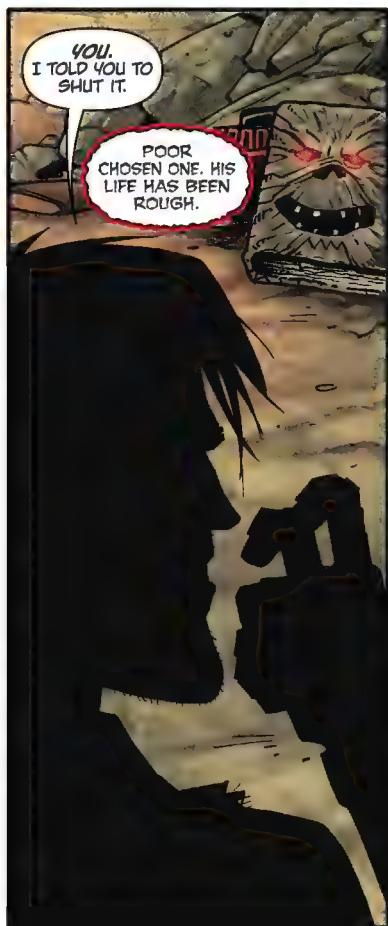
RISE, MY FAITHFUL WARRIORS, RISE, OUR MARCH BEGINS.

THE BOOK CALLS US. THE END OF DAYS HAS COME.







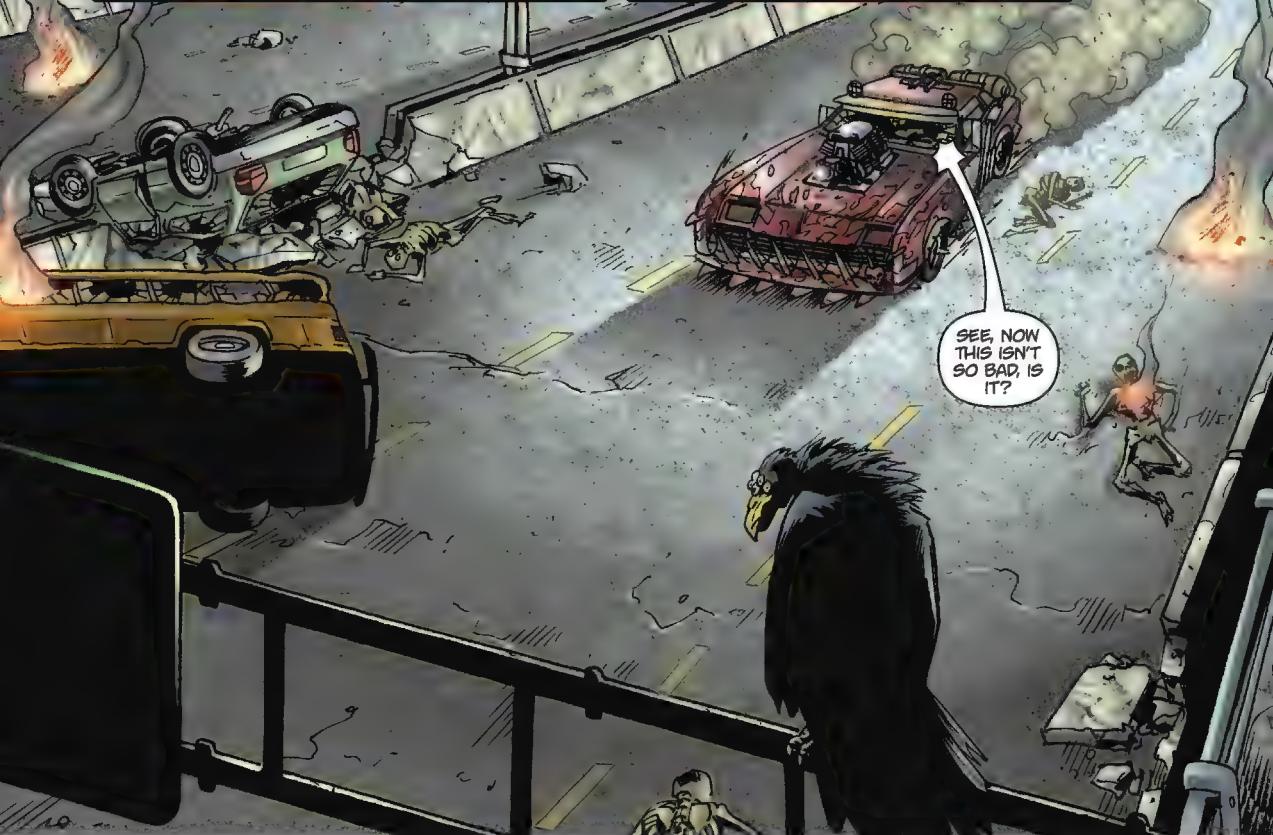


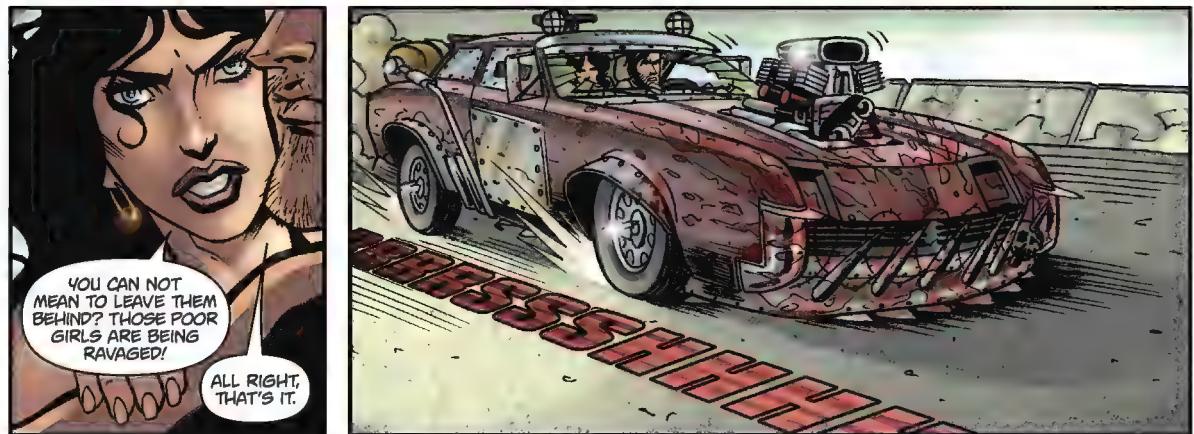


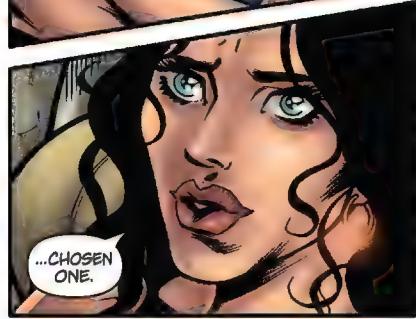












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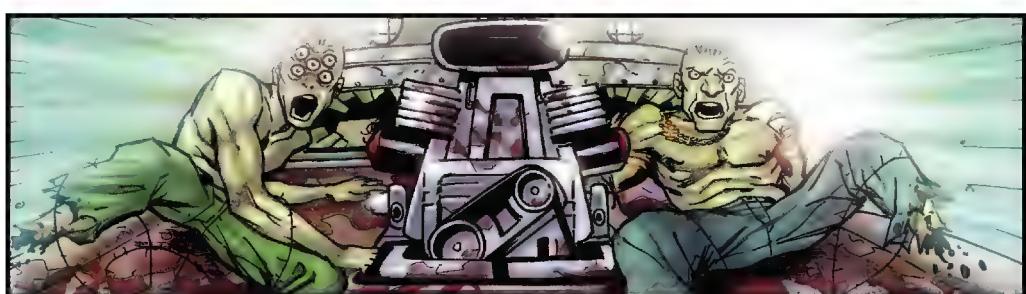
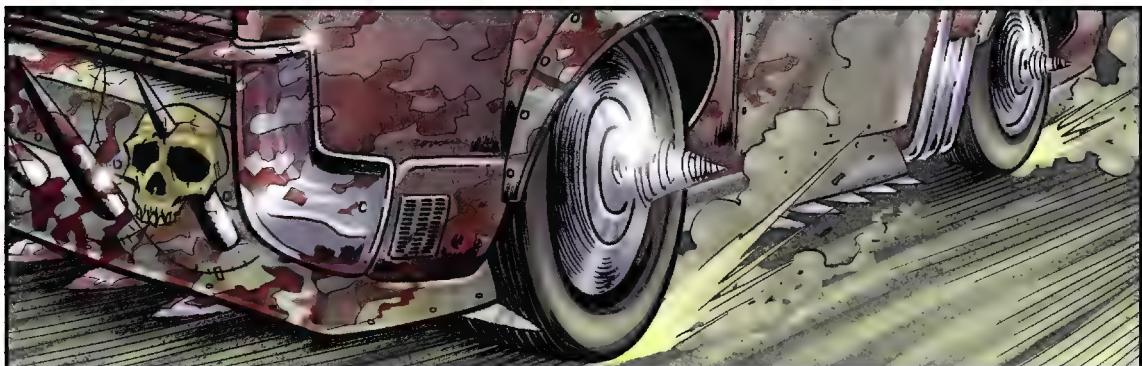
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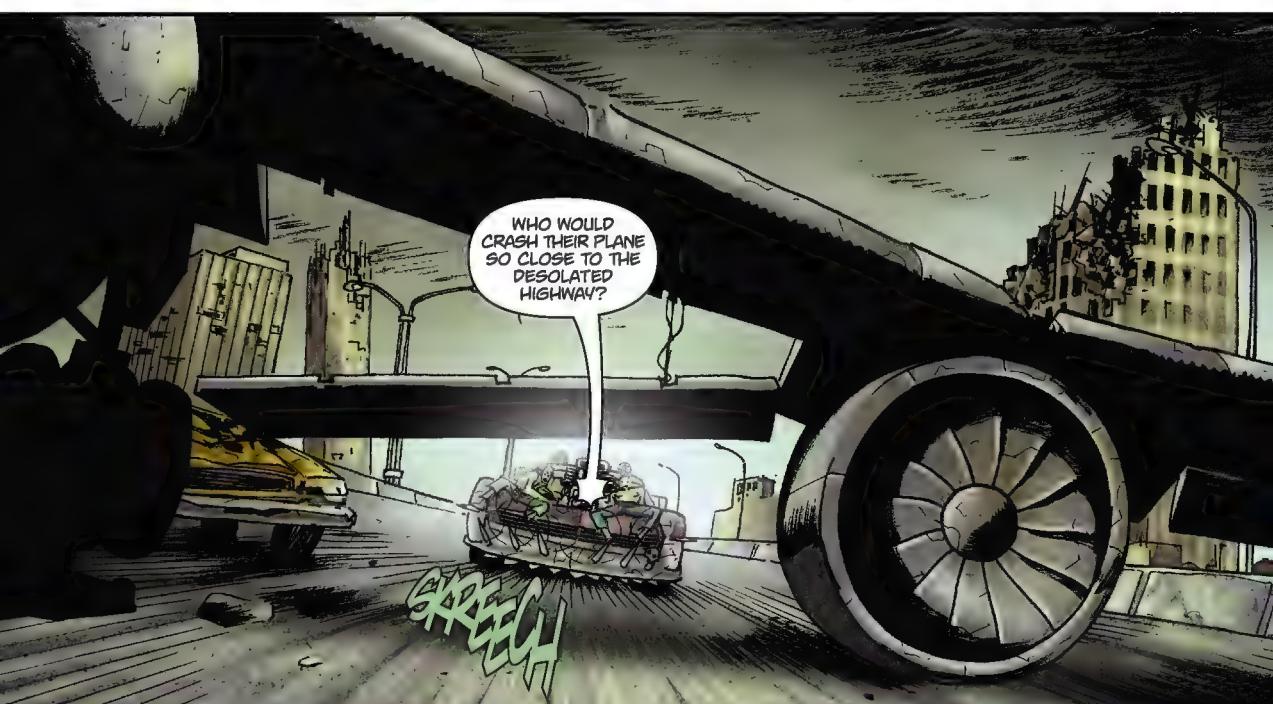
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COULD THIS
BE THE SWEET BLOOD
OF THE CHOSEN ONE?
AM I FINALLY RID OF
THAT MEAT AND HIS
DISGUSTING
WENCH?

WAS IT
REALLY THAT
SIMPLE?



I HAVE
DREAMT OF
BATHING MY PAGES
IN HIS BLOOD AND
IT HAS COME
TO PASS.

HAS THE
RIGHTEOUS ORDER OF
DEATH AND DESTRUCTION
FINALLY BEEN RESTORED
TO HORRIFIC
HARMONY?



NOT DEAD YET. I HOPE YOUR
PAGES STICK TOGETHER
YOU DESPICABLE, DOLLAR
BIN, TRASHY--

ASHLEY!

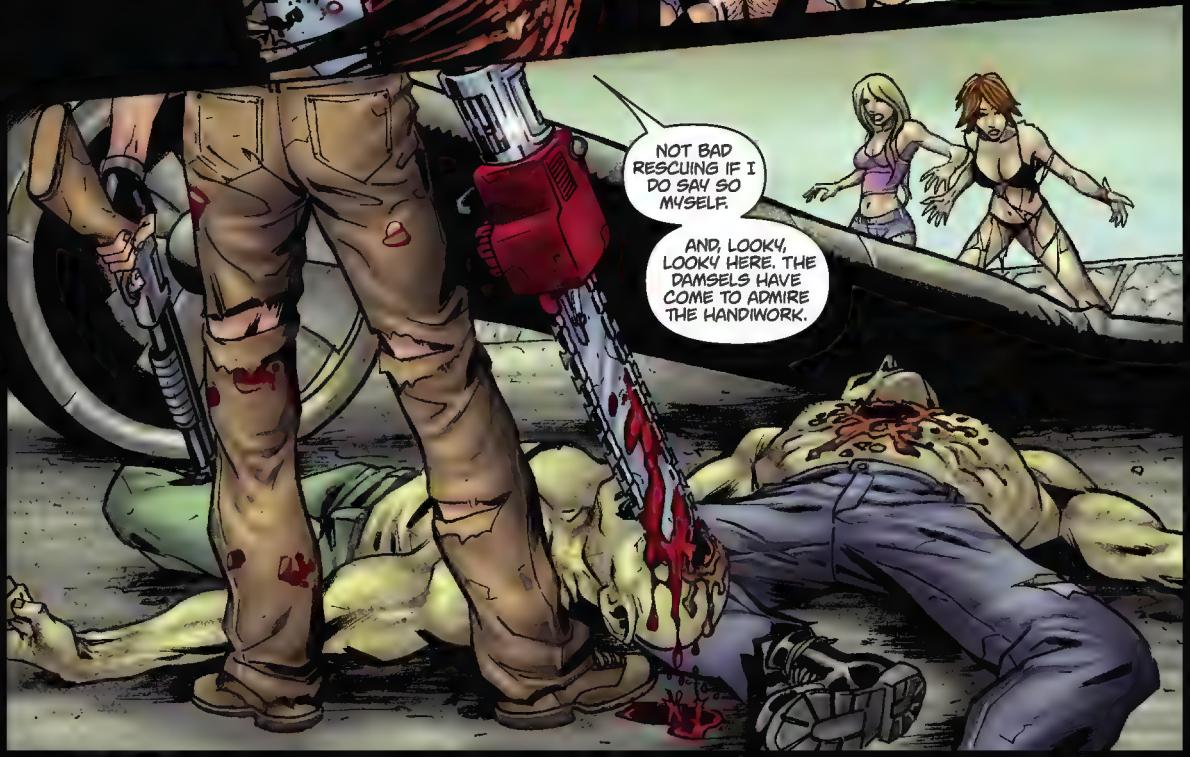
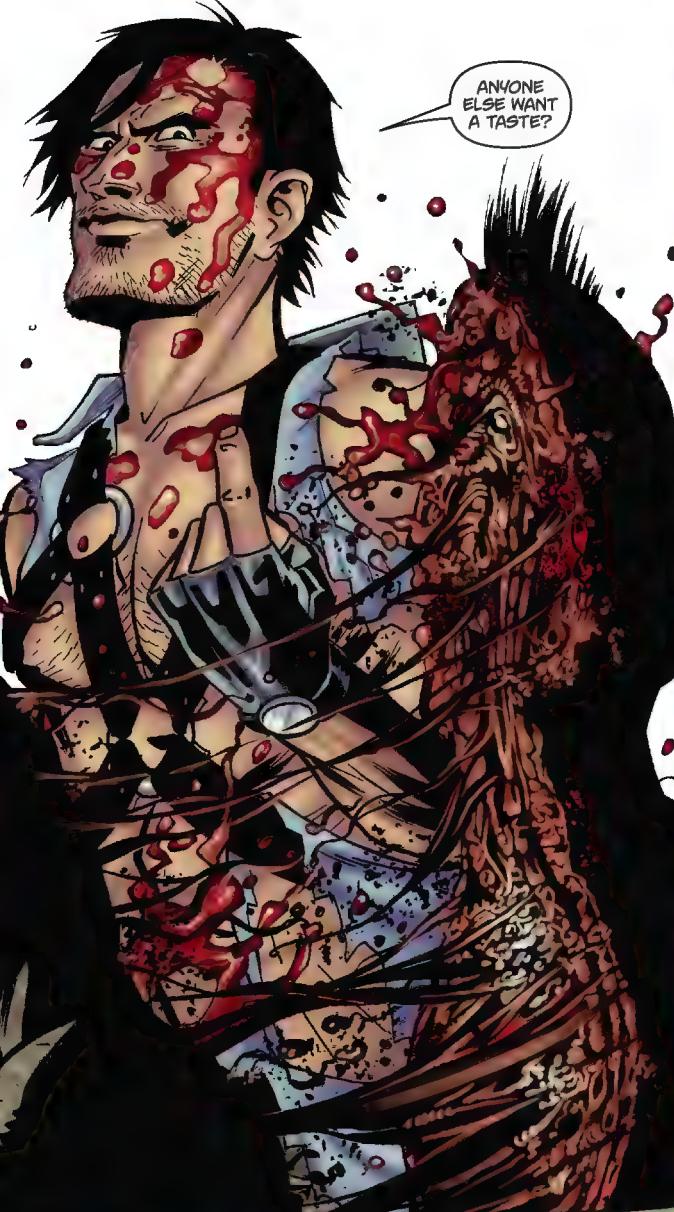


WHAT
SHEILA?!
JUST SPIT
IT OUT!
I'M TIRED
OF GUESSING
WHAT'S COMING
NEXT.

DUCK!







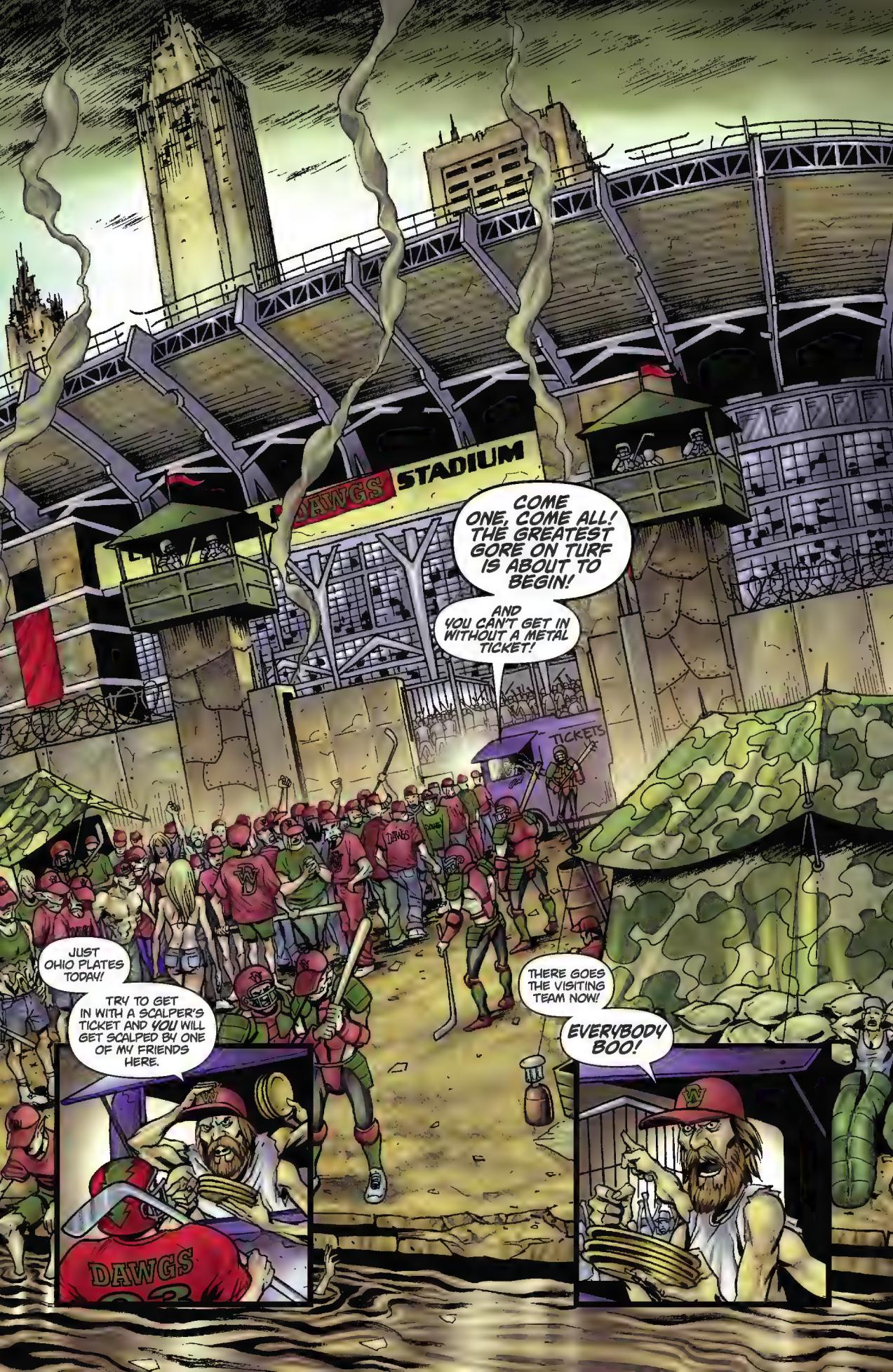






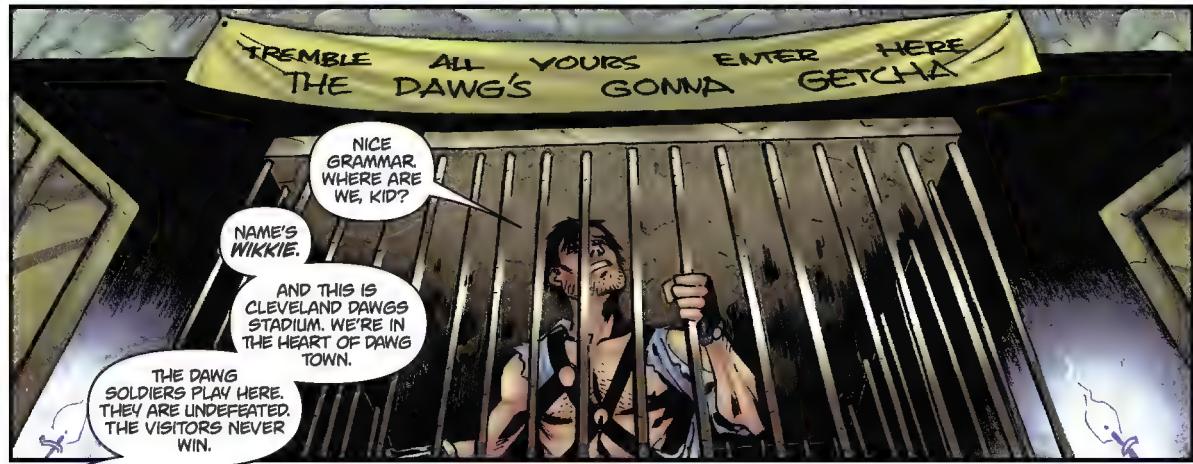




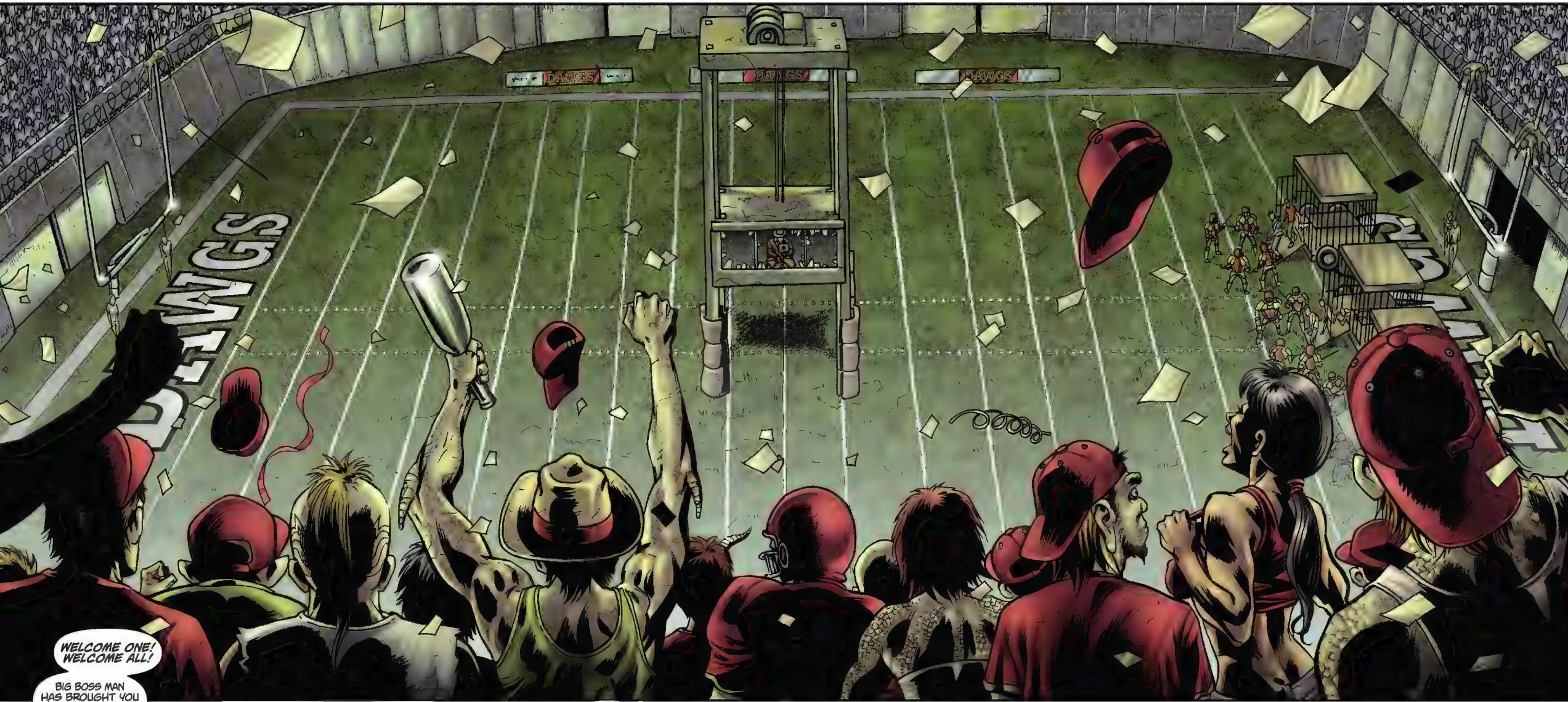














AUUUGGGH!



YOUR SKIN IS
EXQUISITE.

YOU
SHOULD BE
HONORED.



IT WILL MAKE
UP THE PAGES OF
THE BOOK OF THE
APOCALYPSE.



AND YOUR
BLOOD...



...WILL WRITE
THIS PAGE?

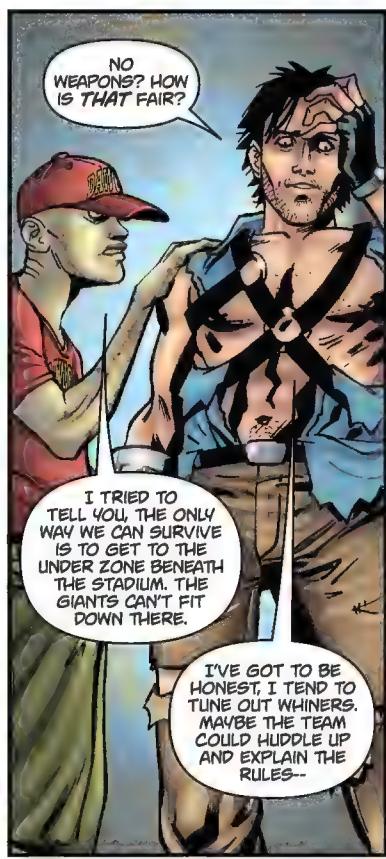




Lost Vegas over-under—all dead in less than five minutes. Even money.

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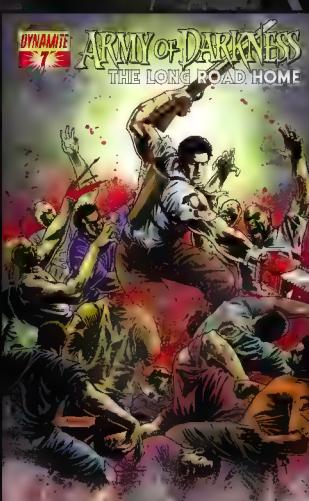
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CLEVELAND DAWGS STADIUM:

DON'T BLOW IT BOYS! IF OUR WINNING STREAK ENDS YOU'LL ALL BE FIRED AND SERVED TO THE FANS!

GEESH. THIS BIG BOSS MAN SURE KNOWS HOW TO MOTIVATE HIS TEAM, HUH?

AT WHAT POINT DOES THIS BECOME MORE SPORTISH?

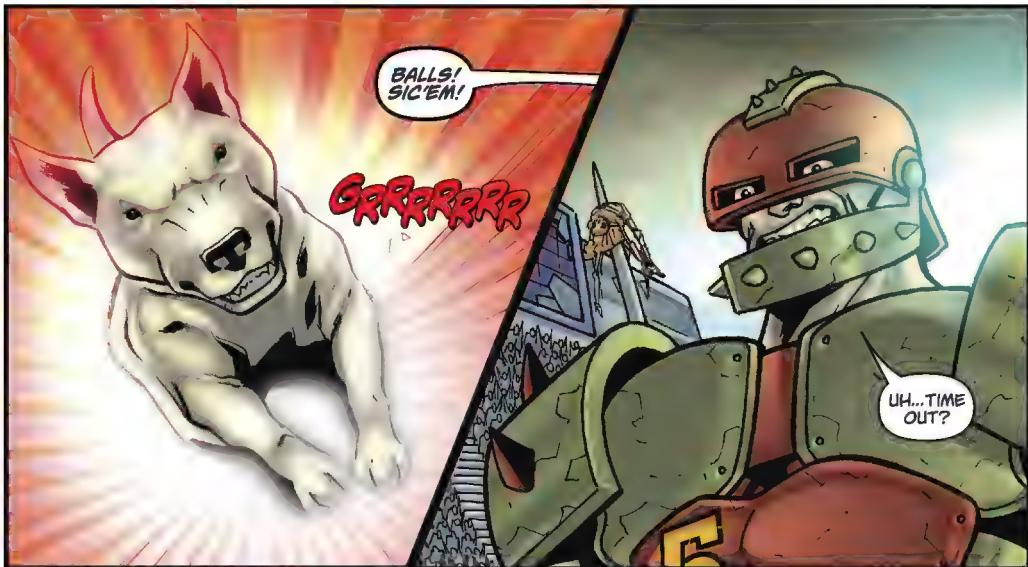
SHUNK

EVEN IN THUNDERDOPE THEY GAVE YOU WEAPONS AND A BUNGEE RIDE.

WHAT'S THE PLAN, ASH?

PLAN, WIKKIE? HOW ABOUT "DON'T DIE"? I USUALLY JUST KIND OF WIN.

CHOSN ONE BY-LAW, I GUESS.









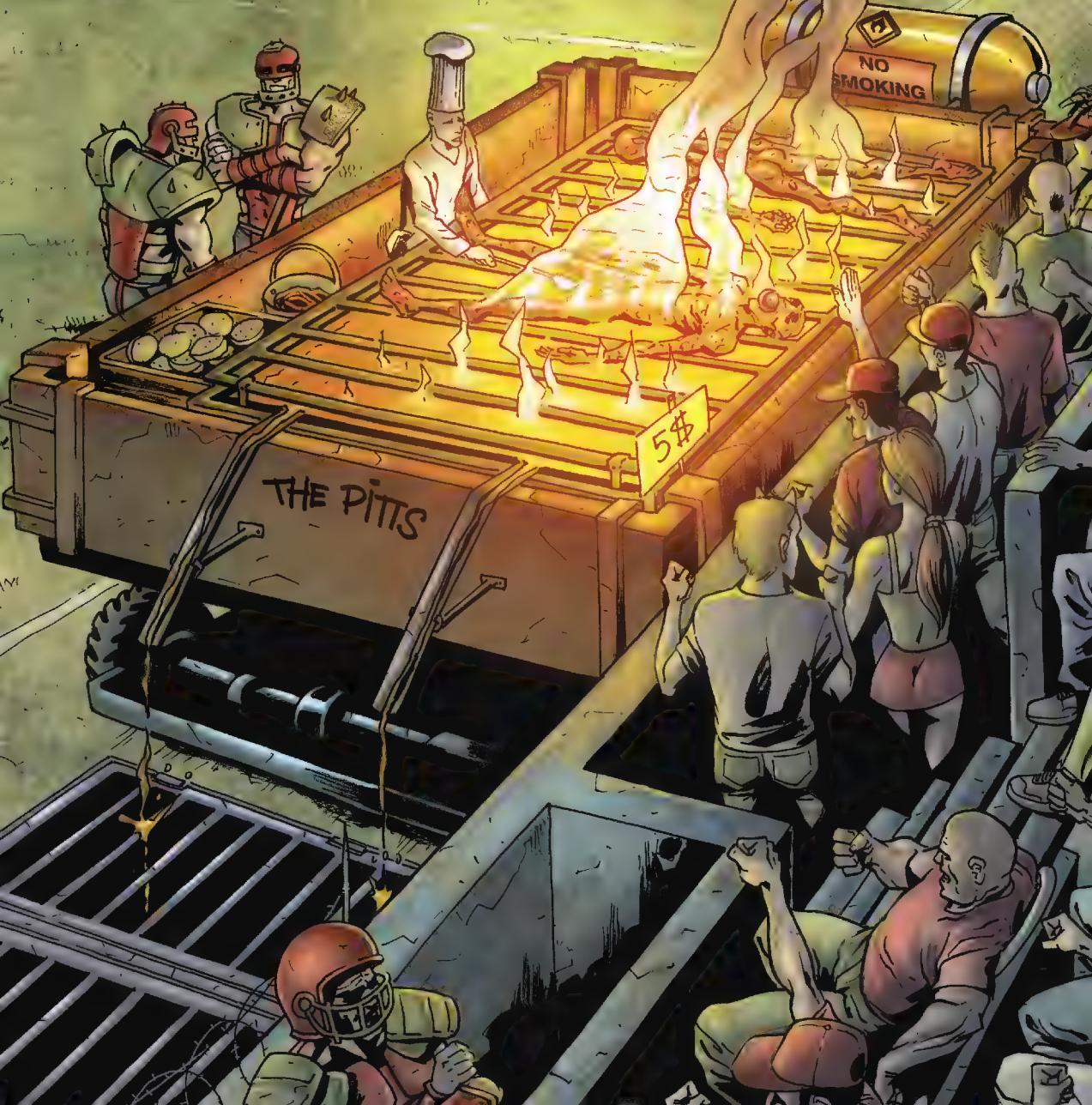




OH.
NOW, THAT'S MORE
THAN JUST A BIT
DISHEARTENING.

THEY ARE
BARBECUING AND
SELLING OUR
TEAMMATES AS
FOOD?

THAT HAS
TO BE SOME SORT
OF FOUL, DOESN'T
IT?











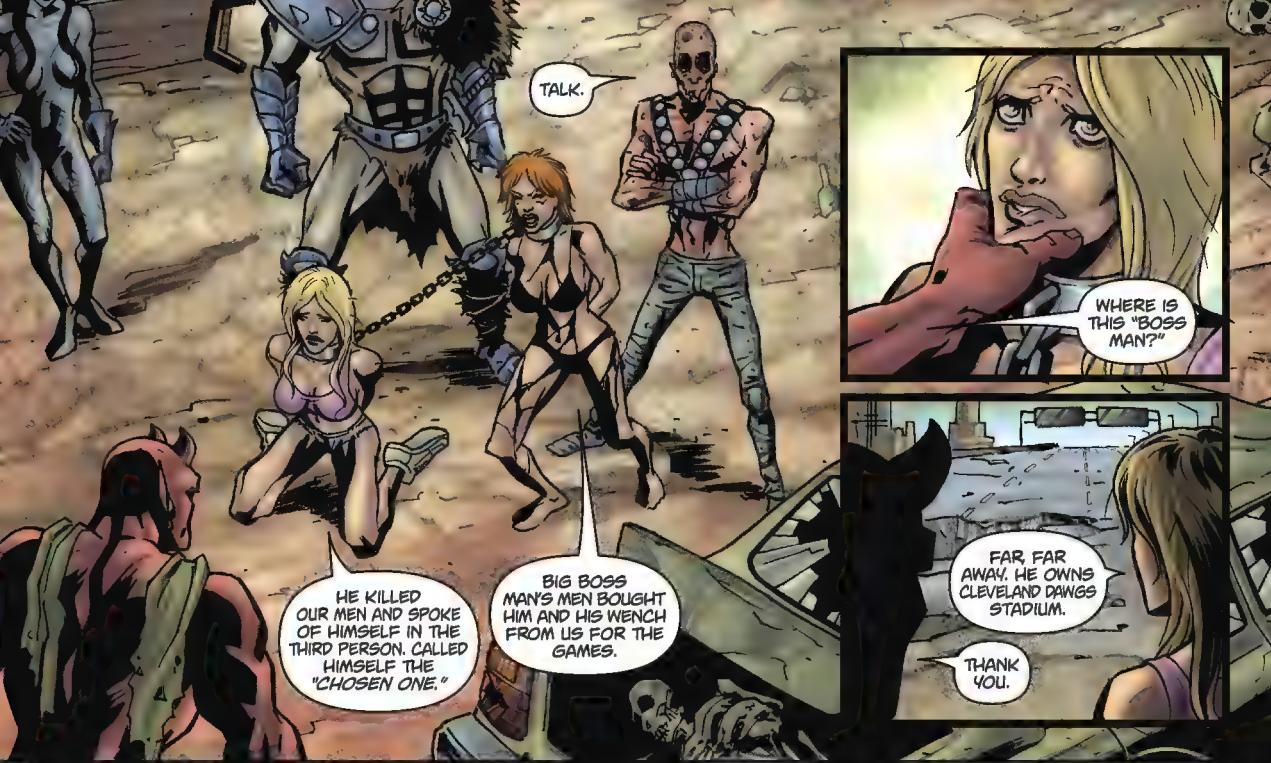




I AM SORRY.
I HAVE BEEN
UNABLE TO
TRACK HIM.

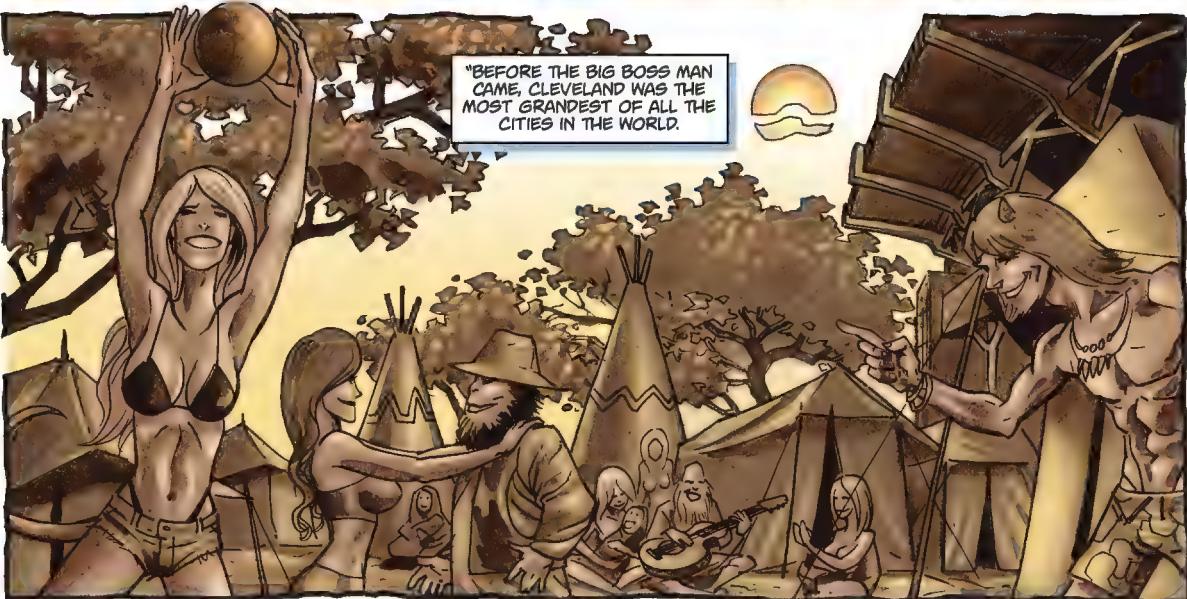
YOU MEAN YOUR
PRECIOUS BOOK AND
YOUR BROWN NOSING
NUMBER TWO LET YOU
DOWN, DEMON? BIG
SURPRISE.





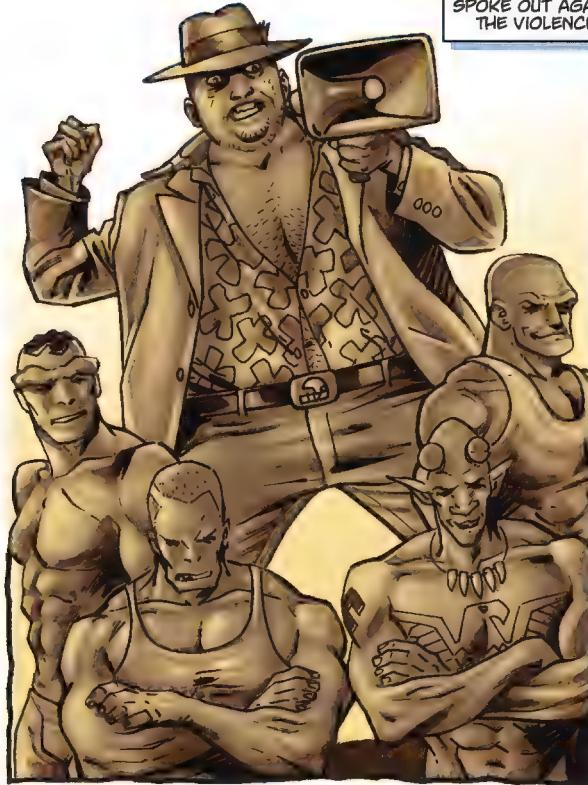






"WHEN BIG BOSS MAN ARRIVED HE ENTERTAINED PEOPLE WITH HIS STORIES OF THE GAMES. EVERYONE WANTED TO SEE AND TALK ABOUT THESE GAMES. BUT NO ONE WANTED TO PLAY THEM. WHO WOULD? LOSING MEANT BEING ROASTED FOR SNACK TIME!"

"THOSE OF US WHO SPOKE OUT AGAINST THE VIOLENCE..."



"...WERE FORCED TO PLAY AND DIE IN THE GAMES."

"I WAS THE ONLY ONE UNTIL NOW TO ESCAPE INTO WHAT WOULD BECOME KNOWN AS THE UNDER ZONE."

"MY HEROIC FIGHT TO THE DEATH IS A THING OF LEGEND NOW. THE GRANDEST OF ALL TALES! I REMEMBER BEING ON THE FIELD AND..."



BLAH,
BLAH, BLAH, CUT
TO THE CHASE OLD MAN.



FINE, I AM OLD, I CAN'T LEAD MUCH LONGER. YOU SURVIVED TOO, SO IT MUST BE YOU.

LISTEN, GRAMPS...

—AS MUCH AS I APPRECIATE THE FEAST AND THE SOB STORY I HAVE THINGS TO DO.

LIKE FIND MY WOMAN AND THE DAMN NECRONOMICON SO I CAN FIGURE MY WAY OUT OF THIS MESS.

THE NECRONOMICON?

DON'T TELL ME YOU KNOW ALL ABOUT IT TOO, RIGHT? PERFECT.





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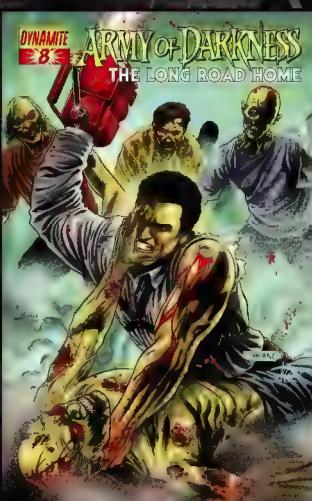
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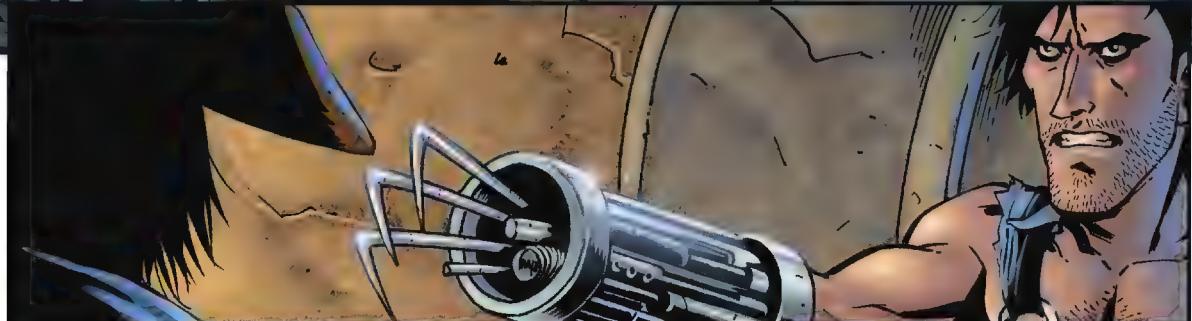
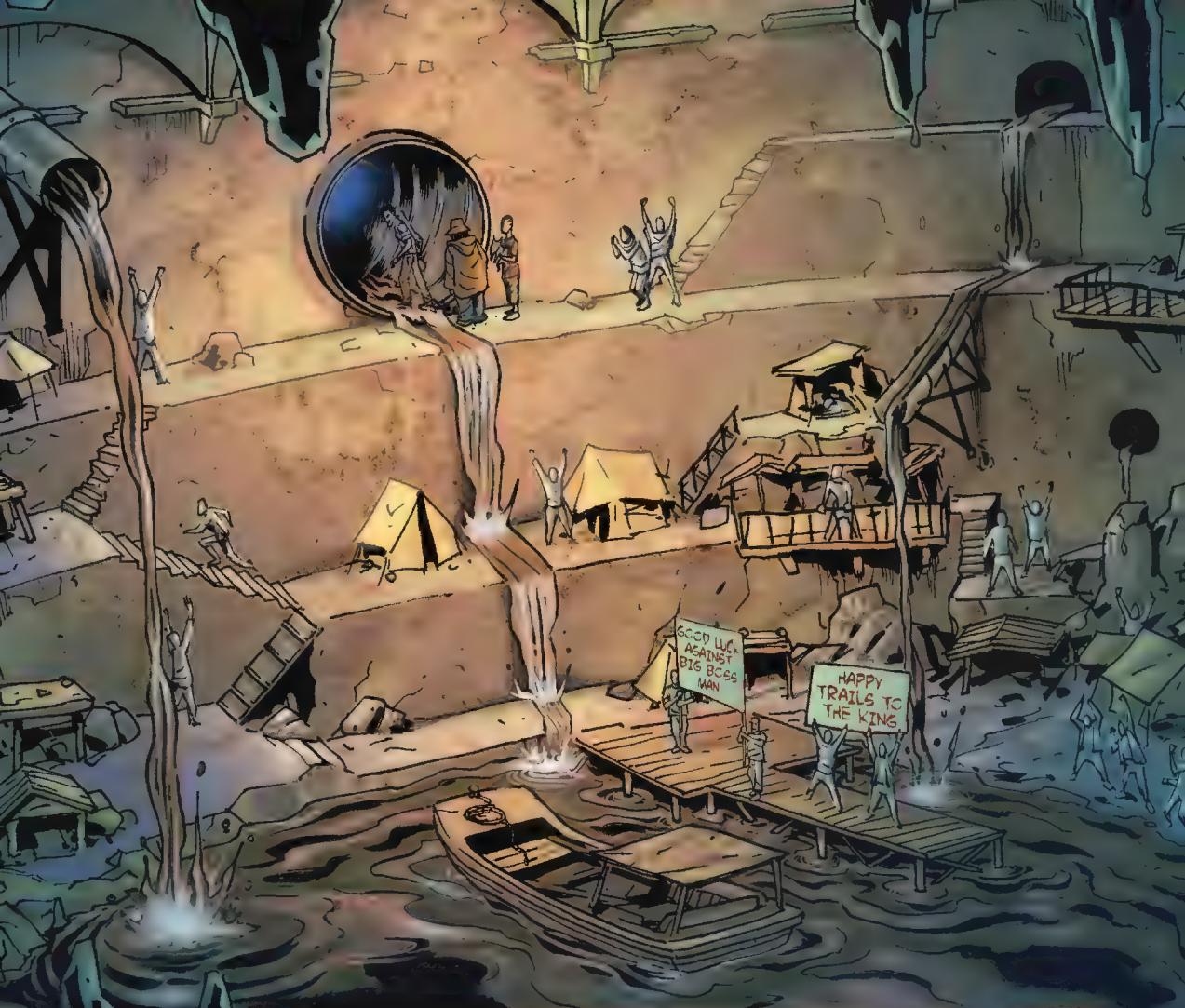
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HOLD ON A SECOND. WHERE DO YOU TWO THINK YOU'RE GOING?

BALLS AND I ARE GOING TO HELP YOU.

WE CAN LEAD YOU THROUGH THE SEWER BACK TO THE--

NOT TODAY, KID. IT'S JUST ME AGAINST THE FAT MAN. NO DISTRACTIONS.

MOST IMPORTANTLY, I'M ANTICIPATING SOME R-RATED TIME WITH SHEILA. YOU GET IT? IF I BRING YOU ALONG, I END UP IN PG-13 LAND AND THIS ALL ENDS WITH A GROUP HUG.

BUT I CAN HELP.

RUF

YOU SMELL THAT, WIKKIE? IT REEKS TO HIGH HELL IN HERE.

AND THAT'S WHAT YOU NEED TO FOCUS ON. THIS STENCH. YOU NEED TO LEAD THESE PEOPLE OUT OF THIS CESSPOOL, LITERALLY.

YOU'RE A CHOSEN ONE IN THE MAKING. I COULDN'T HAVE MADE IT THIS FAR WITHOUT YOU. OR BALLS.

BUT IT'S NOT YOUR TIME YET. NOW GRAB BALLS AND GET OUTTA HERE.

YES, SIR.

HEY, GRAND POOBAH OF CRAPPY TOWN, YOU OLD IDIOT. THIS HERE KID IS YOUR SUCCESSOR.

HE SAVED OUR ASSES IN THE STADIUM AND, TO BE HONEST, IS A BIT MORE OF THE LEADER TYPE.





LET US IN! PLEASE!



THE BIG BOSS MAN HAS DELIVERED A BRAND NEW TEAM OF CLEVELAND DAWGS AND HAS PROMISED BLOOD!

BUT LESS THAN TWENTY-FOUR HOURS AGO THE MAN KNOWN ONLY AS THE CHOSEN ONE DEFEATED THE DAWGS IN WHAT CAN ONLY BE DESCRIBED AS THE BLOODIEST LOSS THE CLEVELAND DAWGS HAVE EVER ENDURED.



RUN! RUN FOR YOUR LIVES!

HOLD ON FOLKS! YOU CAN'T GET IN WITHOUT A TICKET. YOU KNOW THAT!

COME BACK!



DUMBASSES.

LIKE SECURITY ISN'T GOING TO KILL THEM BEFORE THEY GET IN.

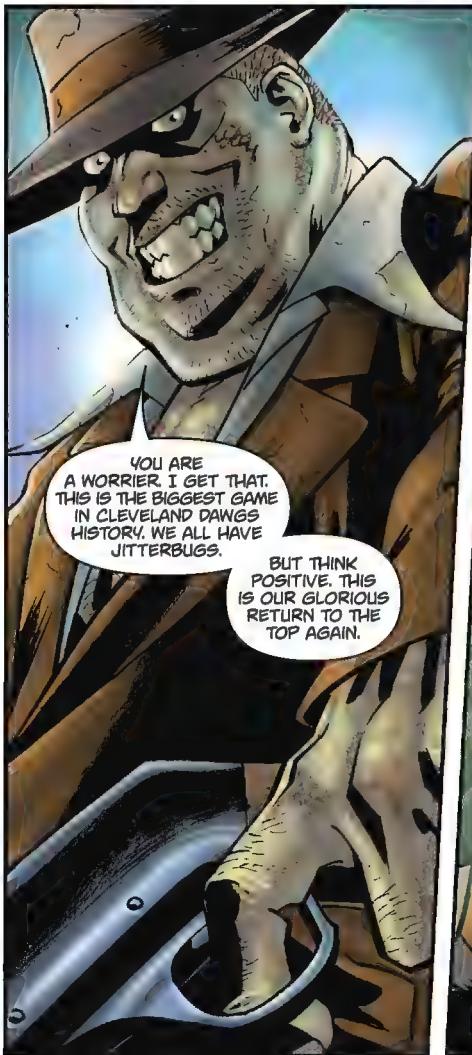
SO, HOW MANY TICKETS CAN I GET FOR LUCKY PATRON NUMBER ONE?

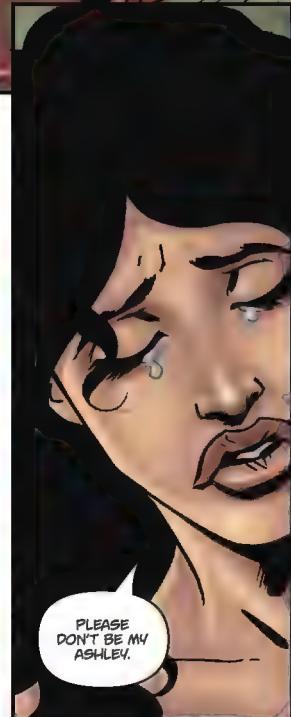


YOU'VE GOTTA BE KIDDING.





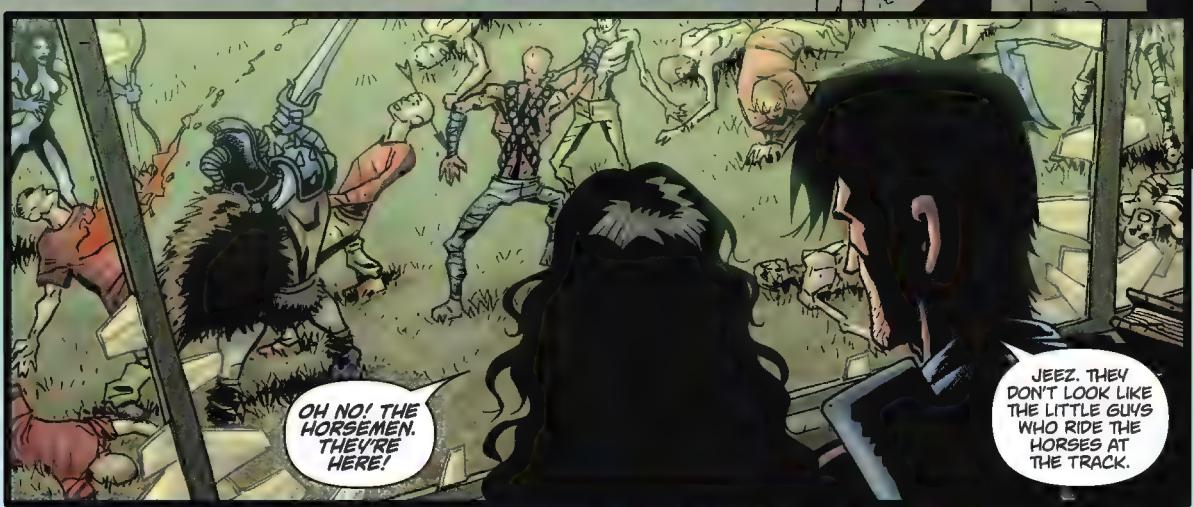










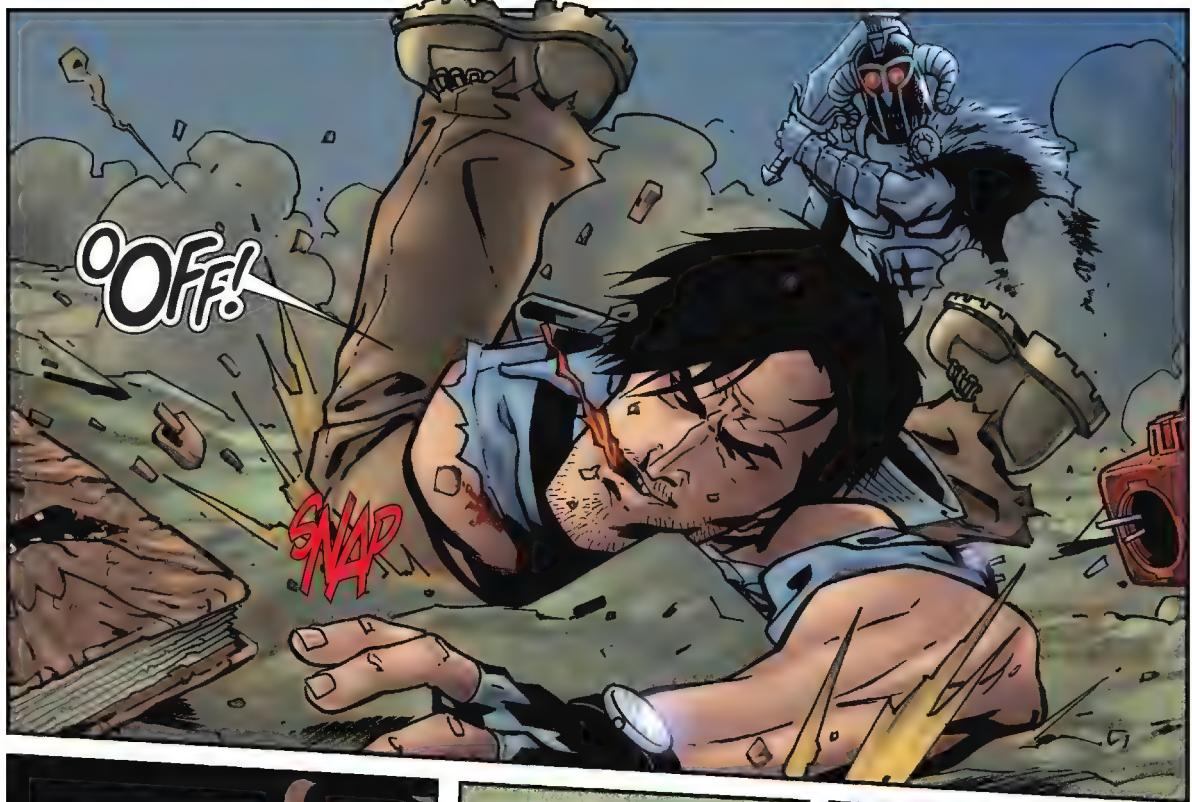




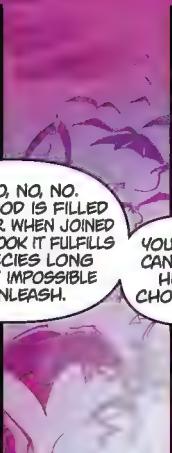












THE ONLY WAY YOU... ARE GETTING ANY OF MY BLOOD... IS OVER MY DEAD BODY, UGLY.

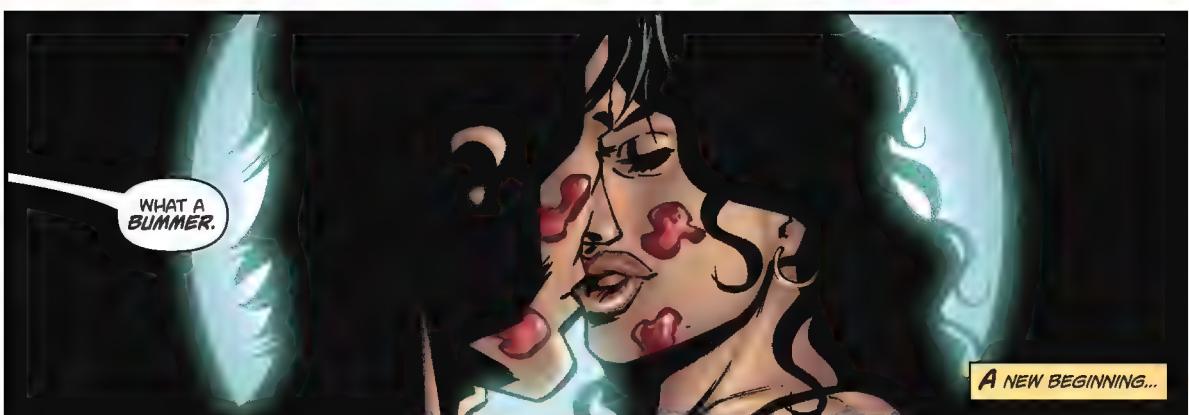
BOW TO ME, MY MINIONES!

MY GLORIOUS AGE OF ETERNAL SUFFERING BEGINS NOW!

YESSS! WE WILL OBEY!







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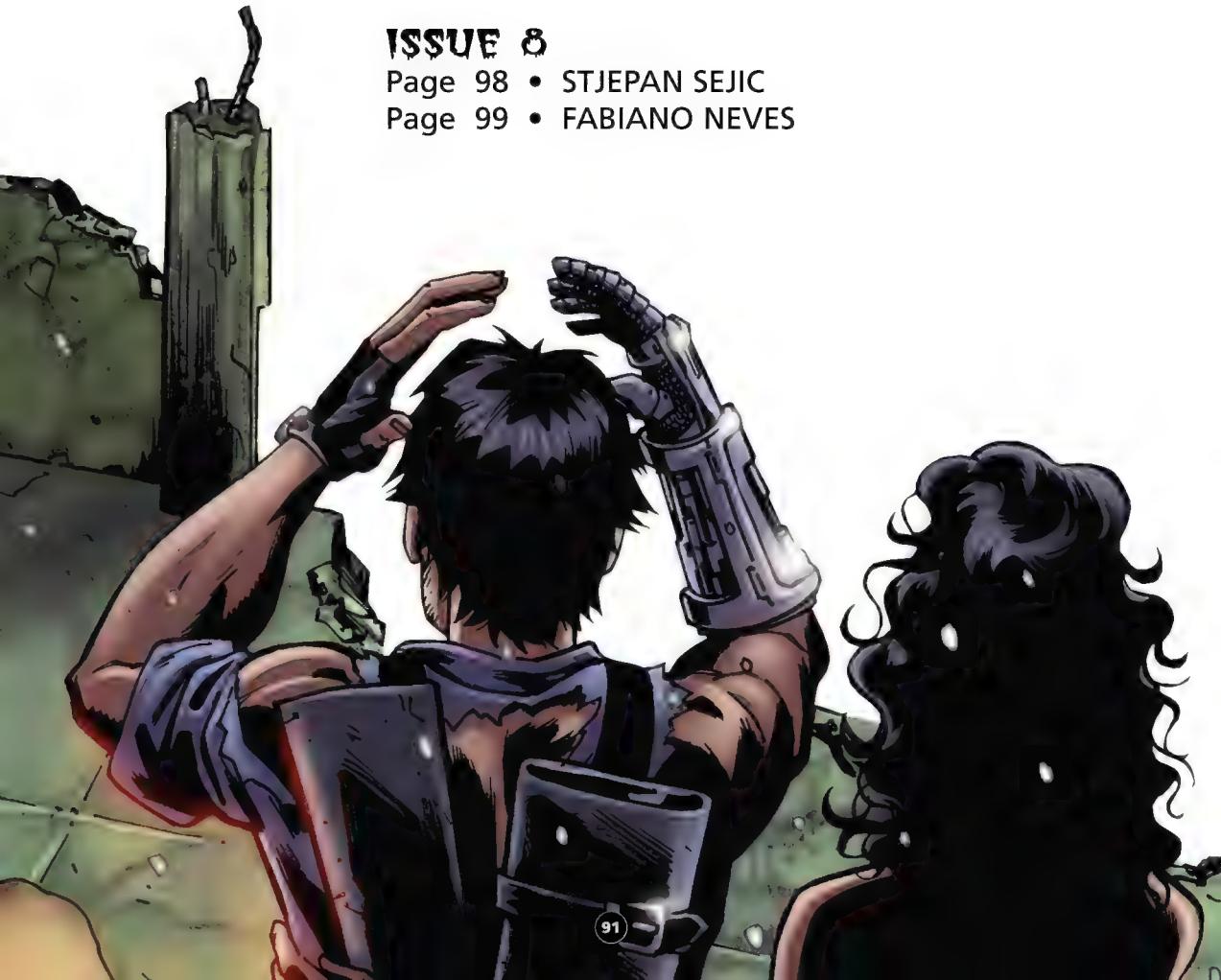
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AN ADVANCED LOOK AT THE NEXT ARMY OF DARKNESS TRADE PAPERBACK COLLECTION











THIS IS MY
CHOSEN ONE.

HIS NAME IS
ASHLEY J. WILLIAMS.

HE IS THE GREATEST
HERO THE WORLD HAS
EVER KNOWN.

THIS MAN HAS SAVED HISTORY
AS WE KNOW IT. HE HAS
THWARTED THE APOCALYPSE
AND THE END OF DAYS.

AND I AM HIS
CHOSEN LADY.



HE HAS SAVED ME
FROM A HORRIFIC
FATE MORE TIMES
THAN I'D LIKE TO
COUNT.

HIS SIMPLE NATURE AT
TIMES MAY CONCEAL HIS
LION'S HEART—



—AND HIS
MANLY WAYS.

AND I AM NOT
ASHAMED TO ADMIT
I LOVE HIM FOR
ALL OF IT.

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Lizard
King

EMPIRE